

## Mayan Peak 02I

Lat/lon 35.4644017,-118.1945202  
UTM 11S 391615E 3925201N

Elevation: 6108'

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Location: Kern County, about 27 miles north of Mojave, 140 miles from Los Angeles

Nearby peaks:

Land Manager: Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Field Office (760) 384-5400

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### About the peak

Mayan Peak, with its rocky outcrops and sparse vegetation, stands out from the surrounding scrubland near the edge of Sequoia National Forest. To some, mighty Mayan's profile is evocative of a Mexican ziggurat. If the resemblance isn't convincing enough, the steep hike will have you reminiscing of climbs to Chichen Itza; fortunately, the soft and quick scree descent shares no similarity to the slow and precarious descent from that pyramid. It has lovely views of the Kelso Valley and the surrounding desert.

Route 1 starts from Kelso Valley Road, which is readily accessible with a high clearance vehicle, and ascends the west ridge. Among the multiple faint use trails one can stay rightward on ascent to keep on more solid ground, then descend pleasantly on sandier scree. Unofficial Route 2 starts after a short additional drive south on SC123 to where the PCT crosses and ascends the southwest ridge. Mayan is typically hiked in conjunction with nearby Butterbredt Peak.

Mayan Peak has 1 official HPS route:

## Mayan Peak Route 1

Distance: 3 miles round trip cross-country

Gain: 1800

Difficulty rating: Class 1, moderate

Time: 3 hours round trip

Trailhead location on [Google Maps](#)

Navigation difficulty: Easy

Road type: Dirt

### Driving directions:

- From Mojave, drive north on SR 14 for 19.5 miles to Jawbone Canyon Road on the left. Turn left. Note your odometer and go as follows:
- At 6.3 miles, fork. Go right.
- At 11.9 miles, fork to the right. Keep straight.
- At 13.8 miles, the road turns west and goes over a saddle.
- At 15.1 miles, the road goes over another saddle. This is Hoffman Summit, the parking spot for Butterbredt Peak.
- At 18.1 miles, fork. Keep right.
- At 18.4 miles, fork. Turn right.
- At 23.7 miles, the pavement begins again.
- At 24.9 miles, dirt road SC123 goes sharply to the right. Park here.

### Hiking directions:

- From the parking area (4358'), hike east straight up the slope, going to the right (south) of the two rocky outcrops to the summit.

### Additional Route 1 notes:

